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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 883
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A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue, Inc., on 25 years of outstanding service to their community and to the citizens of the state of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who comprise the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue, Inc., represent one such exemplary group of citizens; this year, the department is celebrating twenty-five years of service to their community and to Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, established in June of 1975, the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department has provided fire protection to an area of Hamilton County that previously had no such protection; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department has been led by Chief Earl Cook, from 1975-79, and its current Chief, Alvin Rosamond; and

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WHEREAS, the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue, Inc., has been ably represented by its nine-member Board, including Chairman Ken Martin, who has served for twenty-three remarkable years; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue, Inc., is comprised of thirty-seven fire team members, and guided by an officer's staff of thirteen people; and

WHEREAS, providing much-needed fire and rescue protection for approximately 24,500 county residents, the fire department operates three stations in a thirteen square-mile fire district, including the city of Lakesite, Dallas Bay, Falling Water, and Middle Valley; in those stations are four Class A Pumpers, one Utility Hose Truck, one Heavy Rescue Vehicle, three Medical Response Vehicles, and one Special Rescue Vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the department responds to approximately 840 calls per year, with about 78% being medical responses to supplement area ambulance crews with needed manpower and equipment, and 22% being fire-related responses; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of twenty-five years of protective service to the good people of the Dallas Bay and Hamilton County area, the members of this General Assembly would like to express their thanks to the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue, Inc., for a job well done; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue, Inc., for twenty-five years of dedicated service, wishing these brave men and women much continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.